



STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND WELFARE

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
450 West State Street
Boise, ID 83720-9990

June 29, 1988

Cyprus Thompson Creek Mining Company
P.O. Box 62
Clayton, Idaho 83227

ATTENTION: Bert Doughty, Environmental Supervisor

RE: NPDES Permit No. ID-002540-2


Gentlemen:

The referenced NPDES permit was certified by the State of Idaho March 30, 1988. Subsequent to this action, further resolution of issues raised by Cyprus Thompson Creek Mining Company has resulted in the following changes to final permit conditions:

- 1) An increase in the lead limitation from 0.017 mg/l to 0.0589 mg/l.
- 2) Addition of a paragraph allowing background concentrations to replace effluent limitations when ambient concentrations are greater than the specified effluent limits.
- 3) Addition of a specific mercury limitation of 0.0002 mg/l based on the minimum level of detection.

The purpose of this letter is to provide Idaho Department of Health and Welfare-Division of Environmental Quality concurrence and formal state certification that the above changes will comply with the applicable requirements of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Sincerely,


for Kenneth D. Brooks
Administrator

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cc: Robert Burd, EPA-Seattle
Lynn McKee, EPA-I00
Gordon Hopson/George Spinner, IDHW-DEQ